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Memorial service held for UNO sophomore Jessica O'Grady

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A memorial service was held Saturday for a missing UNO sophomore who investigators say was murdered by an Omaha man.

Jessica O'Grady was last heard from as she was reportedly on her way to Christopher Edwards' residence on May 10. Edwards has since been charged with second-degree murder and the use of a weapon other than a firearm to commit a felony.

The memorial came as some closure to those who have been searching for O'Grady since her disappearance more than five months ago. There was no mention at the memorial of Edwards, who prosecutors say murdered her with a Bangkok battle sword.

The family and friends who gathered at the memorial service found peace in each other, said Shauna Stanzel, O'Grady's aunt.

"I pray that the folks here, her family and her friends, be able to carry on and be thankful for the time we all knew Jessica," said Stanzel. "I

don't know if you can ever thank people; thank people for thinking about us, thinking about our family."

O'Grady's body hasn't been found in the murder case. The defense has filed a motion saying the lack of a body is grounds for dismissal. Judge Russel Derr is expected to rule on dismissal Nov. 7.

Edwards is currently awaiting trial on Dec. 4 after having been denied bond twice. He has maintained his innocence since turning himself in on June 9.

Even with the memorial behind them, the family has not given up their search for O'Grady's body.

"We will have another search planned. I believe the U.S. ATV Search and Rescue team is still out there searching various places, and we will go

ahead and plan another search," said Traci Harrison, another aunt of O'Grady. "It's going to be cold, but we hope that people come out and help us again, the same as they've done before."



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O'Grady's aunt, Shauna Stanzel, helps her cousin, William Tuttle, finish a poem he wrote for the memorial.

Through the shadows

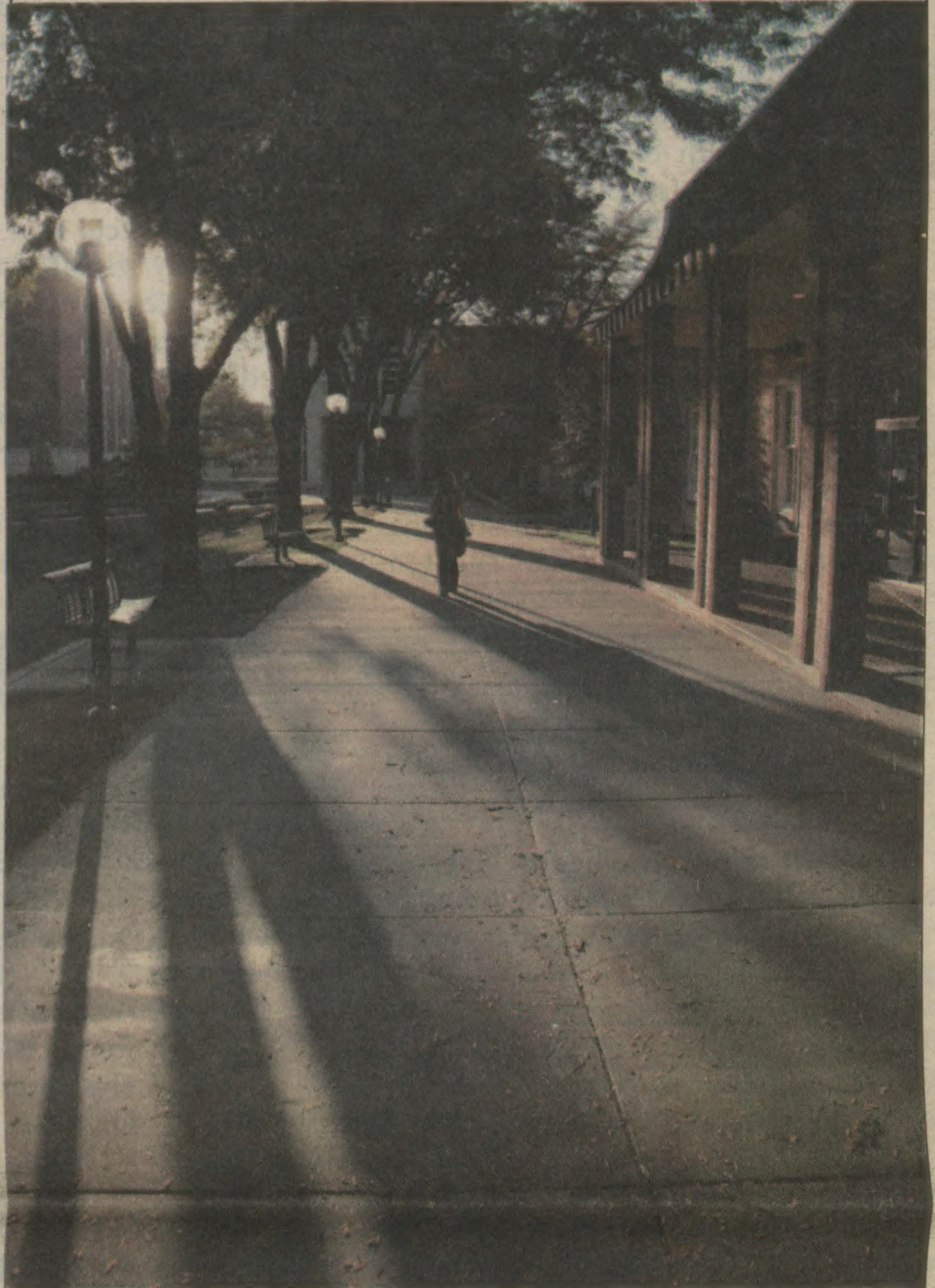


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The sunset in front of Eppley Administration Building casts shadows through the trees as students walk to class.

Disabled students feel campus parking, accessibility sufficient

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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, UNO tries to create a comfortable college experience for students with disabilities.

The buildings around campus are equipped to satisfy the needs of disabled students with handy ramps, elevators, bathrooms and telephones. The university is further responsible for giving notice of available services around campus, according to the UNO student handbook. It must ensure that programs, services and activities when viewed in their entirety are accessible to disabled students.

Nevertheless, certain situations can be a headache that make it difficult for disabled students to maneuver around campus. Elevators will have technical problems, campus ramps can be tiresome and there is always a risk someone will park in a handicap stall without a permit.

Brian Linnell, a UNO senior and music major, uses a wheelchair. He said the elevators come in handy when getting to and from classes.

"But sometimes the elevator in the Fine Arts Building gets jammed, making it difficult to get to class," said Linnell.

According to the disability services Web site, unomaha.edu/disability, the Dodge campus is slightly downhill from west-to-east and going north-to-south is also slightly downhill in general, making it less of a burden for wheelchair users. Paved sidewalks, ramps and curb cuts allow access to every building on campus.

Steve Faurot, junior, is on crutches because of a bad ankle. He found it difficult using the ramp between the Engineering Building and Allwine Hall.

"This ramp is a little hard. It's a lot of work getting around campus," he said.

Linnell agreed and said his arms get tired from the long, uphill ramps.

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, students have a right to file grievance if they feel that accommodations around campus are not reasonable.

"Every now and then we get a

complaint from a student because someone without a permit parked in a handicap stall," said Paul Kosel, assistant manager of campus security.

Kosel said for the first 1,000 parking stalls, the university is obligated to provide 20 stalls. There are roughly 3,700 parking stalls around campus.

"The campus has 66 handicap stalls and that is six more stalls than is required by [the Americans with Disabilities Act]," said Kosel.

Linnell felt there is enough handicap stalls around campus, but Strauss Performing Arts Center was an exception.

"Strauss only has one handicap parking stall," said Linnell. "But I can go around and find parking by the Engineering Building."

Linnell understands that other students need parking too and felt that UNO for the most part does a good job accommodating disabled students.

"Overall, I'm generally happy with the accessibility around campus."

Kate Clark, disability services coordinator, did not reply to several requests for an interview.



photo by Patrick Doty

UNO has 66 handicap stalls throughout the campus, including this one between Eppley and Milo Bails.

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Over one-third students cheat, not always noticed in classroom

TAYLOR MULLER

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It's often said that cheaters never prosper, but at UNO it just might be possible that cheaters never get caught.

UNO has a university-wide policy regarding academic integrity that sets out a three-step procedure for dealing with cheaters, but most students and professors said cheating was not a big deal on campus.

"I haven't noticed any change [in amount of cheating] in the 18 years I've been at UNO," said Jeremy Lipschultz, director of the School of Communication. "I don't see it as a widespread problem; I haven't seen any cases of it this year."

More than 34 percent of students surveyed at UNO have cheated,

according to a survey released in March 2005 by the UNO chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America. The survey was given to 404 undergraduate and graduate students as well as 39 teachers at UNO.

The Academic Integrity Procedures and Sanctions, UNO's administrative guide to dealing with cheaters, states that "if a faculty member suspects that a student has intentionally violated the principles of academic honesty, the faculty member shall initiate the following procedures."

Step one is a meeting between the faculty member and the student where the student is given an explanation for the suspicion of academic dishonesty and allowed an

opportunity to explain his or her side.

The policy states: "If the student offers an unsatisfactory explanation, the faculty member shall inform the student of the penalty for the offense, and shall explain to the student his or her rights to mediation and appeal."

However, if an agreement can't be made between the faculty member and the student, then, as part of step two, the departmental chair may step in as a confidential mediator to "explore the student's intentions, the gravity of the suspected offense, and the appropriateness of the penalty," according to the policy.

At this point, if an agreement still cannot be made, it can be requested that the dean of the college convene a committee with student representation

to consider the matter.

But most professors said that it had been a long time since they could remember a case getting to the third step and, although the prevalence of cheating may not concern many, the advent of the Internet has made cheating easier.

"I do think people have become more concerned with the cut-and-paste mentality of the Internet," said Lipschultz. "There is so much information out there it can cause problems."

Sophomore Melissa Myers said that while she had not seen much cheating in her classes, it's something that students will always consider.

"It's easy because it's easier than studying," said Myers. "But if you're caught, you're screwed."

News You Can Use

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HPER to provide health screenings

The Exercise Physiology Lab will offer two health screenings this week as follows:

Cholesterol Screening

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 24

Time: 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Where: 103 HPER (Exercise Physiology Lab)

Cost: \$25

This screening requires a 12-hour fasting period.

To schedule an appointment, call 554-3221.

Blood Pressure Screening

Date: Thursday, Oct. 26

Time: 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: HPER Building

Cost: Free

No appointment necessary.

Flu shot clinic held on campus

Flu shots will be available through Student Health Services at several locations on campus. The cost is \$15 for students and \$20 for non-students. The dates, times and locations of each clinic are as follows:

Peter Kiewit Institute

Monday, Oct. 30, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

HPER Building

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to noon

Scott Village

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

University Village

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Milo Bail Student Center

Student Health Services office

Thursday, Nov. 2, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donations needed for Mav Kids Halloween Party

The 14th annual Mav Kids Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28. The event is for kids of all ages and runs from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Heath, Physical Education and Recreation building.

The event will consist of a haunted house, candy, games and prizes. The haunted house is open from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

However, volunteers and donations are needed to make this event successful. Candy donations can be dropped off in HPER room 100.

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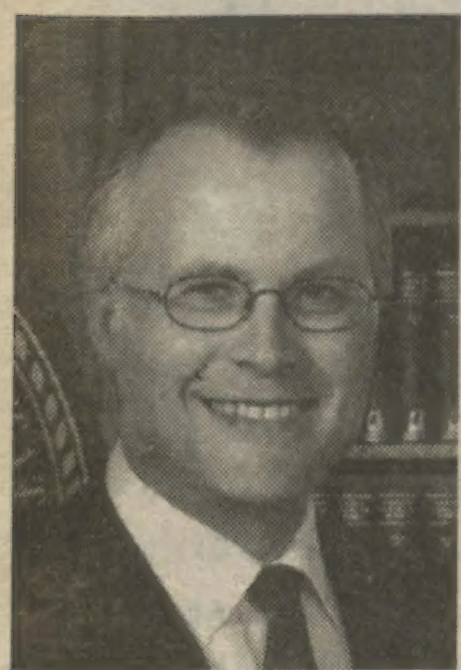
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Q&A with Gubernatorial Candidates

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David Hahn



David Hahn

David Hahn is a challenger running for Governor of Nebraska for the Democratic Party. His opponents were offered the opportunity to respond separately to the same questions.

What do you feel will be the most important issue facing Nebraska in the next couple of years?

Well, there [are] a number of them, but probably the overarching issue is growing the economy and creating more opportunities. Of course, that feeds tax policy, the cost of education, more efficient running of government, but Nebraska's economy is not growing and it is not creating enough opportunity, especially for young people. We are not making it easy to stay in Nebraska. It is too expensive to go to school, and when you do get out with the debt that you have, there is not enough opportunity. Our economy is creating jobs at a pace of \$9 an hour, and that is not enough opportunity.

Briefly describe why a typical UNO student should vote for you?

I am an innovator and a creative problem solver. I have a varied background, and I am not a career politician. I have done everything from running a law office to creating my own computer software. I know that is it about students, and I am focused on creating an environment where young people want and can stay in the state of Nebraska. That is specifically why students should vote for me. I want to make Nebraska a place, so that when future generations come to power it is a great state. In addition, I have visionary ideas for energy in the state. I want us to be a leader in energy conservation and sustainable energy. We can do that. I also want Nebraska to become a leader of technology. We are the only state with public power, and we could use that to have broadband throughout the state. I also care about creating opportunity throughout the state, not just the Lincoln-Omaha area.

What is your position on embryonic stem cell research, including the research conducted at the University of Nebraska Medical Center?

We should continue it, and I think is a mistake that our current governor has placed a litmus test on regents with regard to stem cell research and his selection of regents. It is the governor's job to fill vacancies and that has happened recently. Stem cell research is promising and should go forward. I understand the moral questions that people have, but this has great promise. I basically hold the same views as Nancy Reagan.

What is your position on same-sex marriage?

In my view marriage is between a man and a woman.

What is your position on raising the state minimum wage?

The minimum wage in this state follows the federal and it is not the kind of salary that can support anybody. We need

to raise it, but more importantly we need to focus on creating jobs that pay more. You will hear from the governor about the Nebraska Advantage Act, but it is really truly a disadvantage at this point. It has cost the state about a \$100 million, and we are creating jobs with an average of \$8.69. When I say opportunity, I mean opportunity not only for entrepreneurship, but opportunity for jobs that actually support a family. I would be focused on that, but it doesn't come just by raising the minimum wage. It will come by being focused on entering into the new economy, and not just by creating low paying jobs.

Reports issued by the National Center for Public Policy and High Education claim 43 states, including Nebraska, fail to offer students an affordable college education. What would you do to change this in Nebraska?

I have announced Nebraska Imagination Scholarships. Those are free, full-paid tuition for 375 students in the state college system. The student would write an essay about staying in the state and helping it grow. Then they hopefully will stay in the state after that. Secondly, it is a tough problem that won't get solved unless you focus on it. I will focus on it. I am well aware that when people come out of this state, the costs are too high and they are in too much debt. Then they can't start a business or take the jobs we are creating because they have to pay back student loans. That is a travesty. I don't know if there is a silver bullet on that except to say that I would be focused on making education more affordable and making it easier for young people to stay in the state.

What is your position on Initiative 423, Stop OverSpending Nebraska?

I am against it. I came out against it very early, and I was well ahead of the governor. It just doesn't work for the state. I understand the sentiment to cut state spending. In fact, I am the only candidate who has been talking about cutting state spending. This is one of those things that look and sound good, but it will end up hurting middle class people in the state. When they put that artificial cap on, the people who have high-paid lobbyists will still get what they want. It is just the average Nebraskan that will be hurt. Secondly, it just doesn't work for government because it is required to pay its bills as it goes along. We can't go get a 30 [year] mortgage. I also don't favor some guy from New York coming in and messing around with our state. This isn't something that sprung up in Nebraska. It is being promoted and financed from out-of-state interests. That concerns me.

What do you think most differentiates yourself from your opponents?

I believe the biggest issue is leadership. My approach is to be a leader and determine what the best course of action with all information involved. He finds the safest political route and then proceeds with it. He is a career politician, and I am not. I am not motivated or influenced by special interest groups, and, on a bigger plane, he attempts to please the corporate or social elite. I have more experience with working with the middle class and farmer and ranchers.

What was the most memorable experience you have of your college days, and where did you go?

Gosh, I have a lot of them. I think my travels in Europe. Those are my most memorable experiences. I graduated from Sterling College, but I also studied in Germany.

Barry Richards



Barry Richards

Barry Richards is a challenger running for Governor of Nebraska for the Nebraska Party. His opponents were offered the opportunity to respond separately to the same questions.

What do you feel will be the most important issue facing Nebraska in the next couple of years?

I feel that the most important issue money-wise is property tax. I do believe education and health and human services dive right in there.

Briefly describe why a typical UNO student should vote for you.

Everyone has their own reason to go to college. All college students are the future of our state, and as the future they need to decide what type of people they want running the state. Do they want a current politician, who continues through the same ol' same ol' or those who pretend that everything is okay? If you want that mentality for your kids and grandkids, then go ahead, but we are all in this together. The function of government is to help protect those who cannot protect themselves. Do we want a complete godless society in the future or do we want to make God's presence felt in our government and education?

What is your position on embryonic stem cell research, including the research conducted at the University of Nebraska Medical Center?

Anytime you have to take a life or damage a life in order to help a life, I am against it. I am against abortion. Those babies are all perfectly not guilty of anything. ... When I read the paper, the Board of Regents don't even want to debate stem cells until after an election. Shame on them for a lack of a backbone; they ought to be hung out there for all to see. I am totally against harming another life to help another. God gave us a mind to think, and I think we need to use to help life and cure. ... God gave us that ability, and we ought not to waste it. But to just create life and create on a test tube, shame on us, and I am against it.

What is your position on same-sex marriage?

I am totally against it. The Bible is full of marriage, and he uses it to teach us. Same-sex marriage, to me, is wrong. It undermines an institution called marriage. It is so rare to see two young people get married; a man and woman get married. It is such a blessing to see them get married. ... I don't mean to sound cold, but it seems but there is an under current to destroy everything nice and neat in our world. If I were to have to veto something on same-sex marriage, I would in a heartbeat. I am forgiving in my heart, and I don't mean to be a dictator, but there are so many people in the world who want their darkness to rule the world. I stand up for the light against that darkness. I think that is what the Bible tells us to do and to do it in a respectable way. That is what I intend to do.

What is your position on raising the state minimum wage?

If you had asked me that eight years ago, I would have told you: "You can take your minimum wage increase, and you can find somewhere to put it." Here today people need to survive, and there are so many tax breaks and tax loopholes, and I don't mean to be hard on small business. I am small business. I work with my family farm and ranch and have all my life. I do believe that the minimum wage needs to raise, because there are so many people that depend on

it to survive. They have family, heat and medical bills ... transportation and child care. I look up to the people who live on that wage, and they deserve a healthy increase. I don't think a \$2 increase wouldn't be out of the questions. I don't want to be hard on the small business guy and, to be honest, it is hard to speak about things I have never experienced. I don't pay myself a wage, and I am a family business owner ... but, I do believe in taking care of the homefolk first, and we need to raise the minimum wage.

Reports issued by the National Center for Public Policy and High Education claim 43 states, including Nebraska, fail to offer students an affordable college education. What would you do to change this in Nebraska?

I don't think college should just be a free ticket out of the house, and they end up being brainwashed into the government's way of thinking. There are lots of grants and such that are available. I believe that Nebraska does a good job of getting people who want to go to go. I am all for more scholarships, and I am all for more grants. Quite honestly, I am more concerned with the college education. If you do not have a strong foundation, it does not matter what happens later, you are still just a bit wobbly. I believe the government has gotten so involved in that part of our education that college comes along and, in the first year or two, we have students where they should be when [they] start. We have kids learning things in college that they should have learned in high school. There are high schools that want to give kids more college credits than high school credits. I want to level it out and make sure everyone gets a good education. I think education should be well rounded.

What is your position on Initiative 423, Stop OverSpending Nebraska?

I don't want to sit here and say that it is the answer to our prayers, but I signed it back in June. Anybody who is against the SOS, I just can't understand. They must be on the government roll. Government has absolutely gone over the top with their spending, and we need to get control of it. I don't know what will happen if it gets voted in, but I do know what will happen if they vote it out: more spending. That is more money from my pocket going to I-don't-know-who. I really do not think we need that big of a government. You better believe I am for it. I love the petition process, and I am definitely for 423.

What do you think most differentiates yourself from your opponents?

I don't want to be the guy that tears down the other guy, but I cannot understand David Hahn's property tax relief plan. It tears down the other guy. If you exempt everybody and double the taxes ... I cannot make sense out of his plan. And I am so tired of Governor Heineman's property tax relieves, because it never comes ... something sucks it up. That [is] why I am for a transaction tax. Just a one-half percent tax on all transactions. It puts us all on a level playing field. That is tax on everything. Every time you take money out of the bank or put in the bank or when you buy a bond or when you sell a bond or when

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Editor's Note

Incumbent Dave Heineman, Republican, did not return over 20 phone calls requesting an interview. Independent by-petition challenger Mort Sullivan also did not reply to requests for an interview.

"Boomers" vs. "Boomerangs:" Life after commencement is a struggle for some students, parents in UNO community

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"Generation Y," "Echo-boomers," the "MTV Generation," let's face it, today's high school and college-aged students are facing a serious identity crisis. With an 18-to 20-something age group still searching for a label, a negative buzz word might end up being the thing that brands them. Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the "Boomerang Generation."

The boomerang name actually comes from a recent rise in news articles focused on Baby Boomers reaching the age of retirement. The term originally stems from a

2003 Psychology Today article written by Pamela Paul, but Newsweek also featured two stories this May about "boomerang kids." Boomerang kids are young adults who are all too quick to come back home after graduation, or even more common, never leave in the first place.

Four million adults between the ages of 25 and 34 live with their parents, Paul said in the Psychology Today article. Even more surprising was that a poll of college seniors showed that 61 percent of them had plans to move back in with their parents after graduation.

Jeff Lipschultz is a junior who not only is living at home while going to UNO, but is also taking classes on the same campus his father, Jeremy Lipschultz, the chair of the School of Communication, teaches. However, Jeff Lipschultz feels no shame in going to school close to home or having his father as a UNO professor.

"Having loving relationships with one's family is a sign of maturity, not immaturity," Jeff Lipschultz said.

While Jeff Lipschultz's situation is likely uncommon throughout the United States, there are cases like sophomore Brett Bonacci, who recently moved back in with his parents after living several years in a house with friends. Bonacci says he can't help but feel like the label is an accurate description.

"I think most just do it [move back in with parents] as a temporary situation and some probably just should not have moved out in the first place," he said.

While the individual stories might be different, the reason for students returning to live with their parents essentially comes down to money.

"As of right now the financial benefits definitely

outweigh the displeasure of not having my own place," said Steve Ryder, a junior who recently moved back in with his parents after living in Texas. "I'm at a place right now where money is a problem for me; I pay more in bills than I make in paychecks. It's very frustrating, but living with rent paid for is helping slowly but surely."

According to Paul's article, the problem of children boomeranging back to their parents is also due largely to a parents' need to be their child's best friend. It's this same blurred line that has parents probing too deep in to their adult child's life.

"I love [my parents] to death, but I always have a little urge to get away," Ryder said.

Bonacci agrees.

"Sometimes they still ask where I'm going and when I'm gonna be home, which can be annoying, but I think the benefits outweigh having to explain where I am going," he said.

Jeff Lipschultz says he doesn't have those types of problems with his parents, and is actually considering staying in Nebraska for graduate school.

"I appreciate the presence of my father and the time we choose to spend together, whether on campus or off," he said.

In the case of Bonacci and Ryder, the issue of leaving Nebraska is complicated.

"I love Nebraska, but I have an internal wanderlust, and I need to leave and make my own somewhere new," Ryder said.

Bonacci just isn't sure yet.

"While I believe that you can't grow if you don't live on your own, I don't know that I would want to leave town because this is quite literally where all of my family is," he said. "I care for them a lot and would miss them horribly if I left."


Bonacci's case shows that family bonds will always trump social awkwardness. But for some students these bonds are even an advantage. Ryder said being welcomed back home with open arms has actually made him more confident about being ready to live on his own.

"It has made me want independence in my life and make my own way," he said. "Yet my parents' willingness to help me out has made me realize that there will always be people to help me."

There's no right or wrong decision for parents or their children in deciding what an appropriate time to leave home is, but Paul says it is a conversation that needs to happen, for the sake of the parent as well as the child.

"Unless the child is suffering from a crisis, adult children belong on their own," she said. "Empty nest parents have their own lives to attend to."

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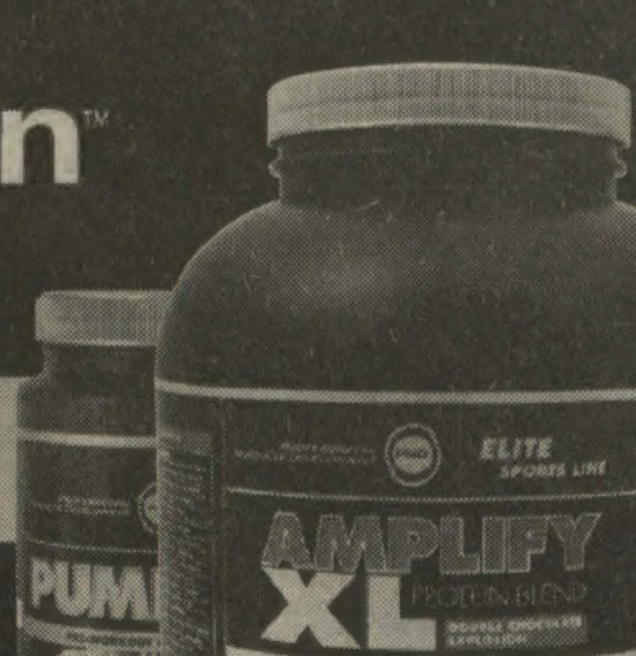
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How to look boo-tiful this Halloween season

Real Fashion



Alex May

In the spirit of the most ghoulish of months, the most haunted of days, the spookiest of holidays, I thought I'd share with you a few facts about Halloween:

1) Halloween originated from several other religious and Pagan celebrations. For example, the Celtics in Ireland and the Roman Catholic church have root holidays that have shaped our modern Halloween.

2) The first documented Halloween celebration in the United States took place in Anoka, Minn., in 1921, according to a report by the United States Census Bureau that can be found on census.gov. It also found that 41 million kids, ages 5 to 14, "trick-or-treat" every year in the U.S.

3) It's inevitable when you walk into your planned Halloween festivities this year that you will see roughly six Marilyn Monroes, 12 Playboy Bunnies, six Hugh Hefners, an uncountable number of pirates and pirate hookers alike, as well as an equally uncountable number of girls dressed in lingerie because as the movie *Mean Girls* states: "It is truly the one day a year when a girl can dress like a total slut and no other girl can say anything about it."

So I threw that last fact in there just to transition into my real topic: Halloween costumes...clever, huh? How about coming up with an original costume this year, one that stimulates thinking and shuns the Halloween stereotype? Here are a few ideas for quick and easy costumes that 100 other people won't be wearing this year.

• **If you're a funny guy (or gal) try a walking punch line costume.** Not sure what that is? Well, here are a couple examples:

The Babysitter: Glue a plastic doll to the back of your pants or skirt.

The Leaf blower: wear a baseball-style cap. Use fishing wire to attach a real leaf or fake one to the end of the brim so it hangs in your face. When people ask what you are, blow on the leaf.

The Cereal Killer: I found this idea on the Robin's FYI Web site. Stick little cereal boxes to your shirt and cut little slits in the boxes. Glue plastic knives in the holes, and finish with red paint dripping from the knives.

• **Go thrifting!** You can find just about anything at a thrift store, including nice secondhand costumes and original pieces to come up with something completely unique. Not only can you be creative, you will also save your money for the big night.

• **Wear a cardboard box.** Seriously. The Robin's FYI Web site, robinsfyi.com, has a huge list of ideas that start with an ordinary cardboard box. One idea is wrapping it and adding a ribbon. I know more than a couple of guys who would be perfect as God's gift to women. Just add a little tag that says "To: Women, From: God." Another idea is to paint it or add construction paper to make a Rubik's cube, giant Lego or dice (which you could be with a buddy).

So get to gettin' already. Halloween is fast approaching, and with all these ideas, you're sure to look boo-tiful...I'm SO sorry, but I really couldn't resist. Lately I've been on a cheesy joke kick. Never again, I promise. Have any other crazy, funny or just plain weird costume ideas? Send 'em here! Ammay@mail.unomaha.edu.

International students share culture via ISS

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The International Student Services (ISS) is a UNO agency within the Student Government that embraces international students' cultures while helping them to learn the English language.

The ISS motto is "assisting international students while making their knowledge and experience available to the rest of the campus population."

The organization started in 1972 with 25 students representing five countries; now the organization has grown to more than 1,000 international students attending UNO, representing over 103 countries.

The agency uses many different activities throughout the year to celebrate the international students and their cultures. The two biggest events are the International Student Banquet and International Cultural Fair, which both take place in the spring semester.

The International Cultural Fair is where the international students share their culture's artwork, clothing and, especially, food. Many local ethnic restaurants donate food for the fair while some students make traditional foods

from their cultures as well, said Jyoti Gandha, the agency's director.

The banquet is an event during International Week that asks UNO international students to share their cultures and talents through presentations such as dance.

While Gandha believes that the university is known for diversity, she said "the awareness and visibility of international students is still not there yet." Gandha has been the director of ISS since the summer and was awarded third place at homecoming, representing ISS along with the Women's Resource Center and the Network for disAbleD Students.

In addition to these yearly events, the agency offers



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The International Cultural Fair is one of the many events the ISS host for the UNO student body.

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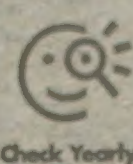
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Andrew Cumbee | Arts & Leisure Editor

Annual Goth Ball filled with bondage and whips and naughty angels ... oh my!

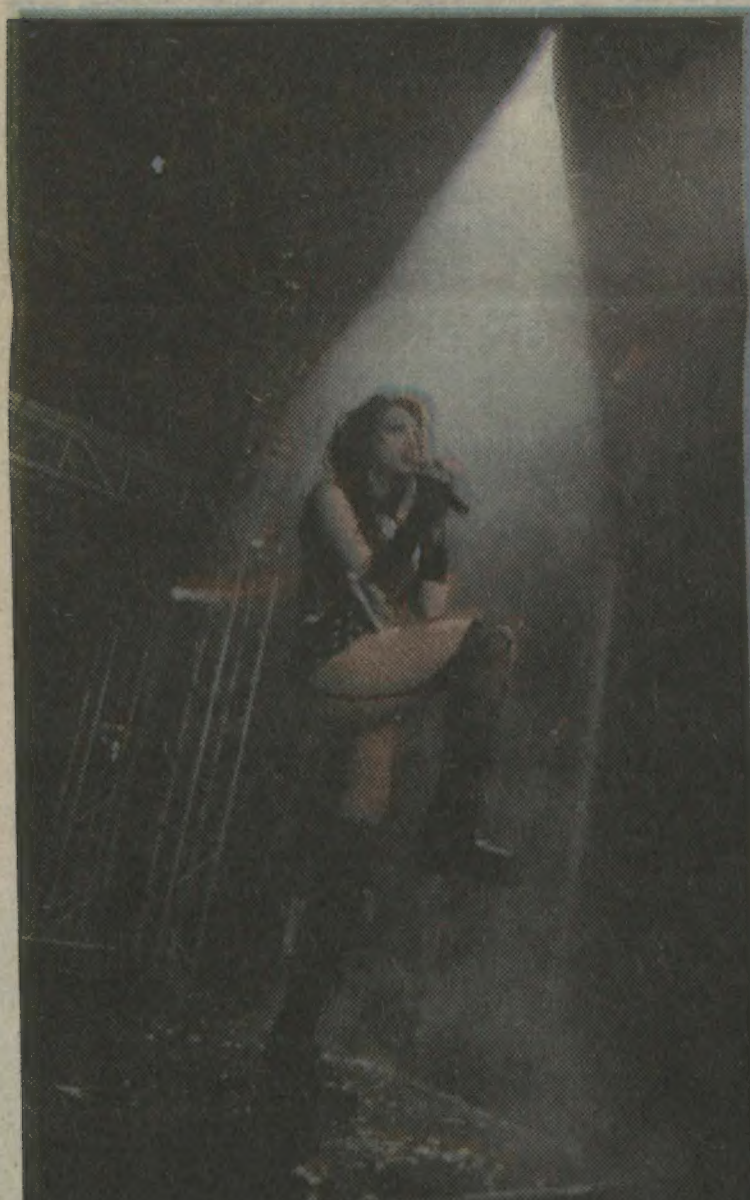
"Music. Fashion. Freakshow." These three things highlighted the third annual Something Wicked goth ball held at Club Nico Friday night. As goth wannabes and bondage fanatics filled the club, rock and punk banged out of the speakers, mist filled the air and spider webs adorned the walls.

The night, full of gothic fashion, music and erotica, began with a peep-show performance by The Fallen Angels. This was

followed by "Terror on the Catwalk," with hair by Icon and fashions by Basic Tease Boutique. Performer Roxy Saint was a perfect fit for the event, performing live with an erotic background dancer.



Something Wicked models perform while being accompanied by a recording of the Dresden Dolls single "Coin Operated Boy."



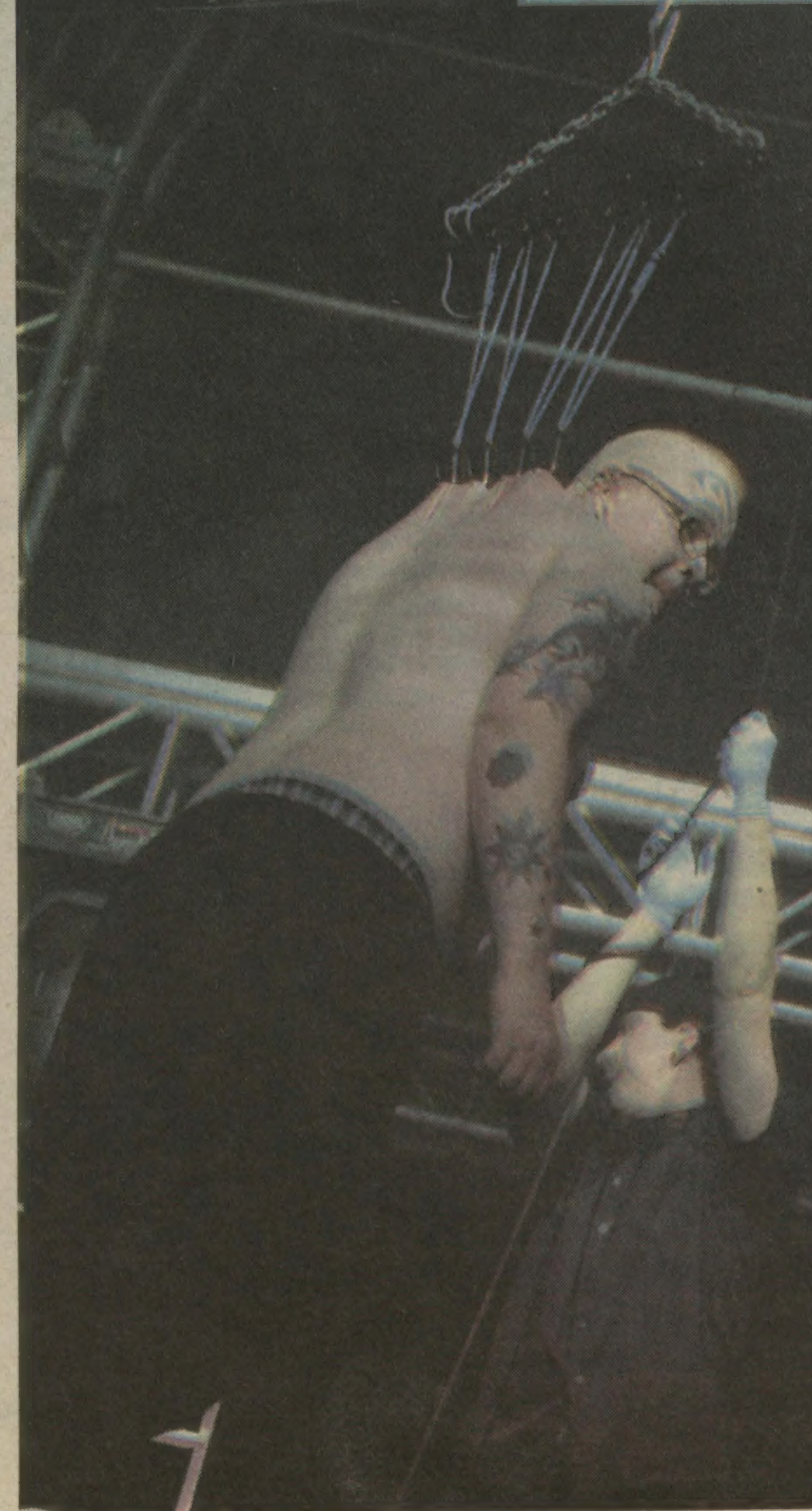
Roxy Saint performed in front of a dark, goth and punk-rock attired crowd. She is the leader of the Los Angeles-based Roxy Saint and The Blackouts.



Along with being a musician, Roxy Saint is an artist, director, guerilla filmmaker and fashion designer.



UNO student Dustin Treinen, above, performs on the catwalk with others from Icon and Basic Tease. Other performances, including "The Witches Coven," were performed by the Omaha Calendar Girls.



Roxy Saint's erotic background dancer teases the crowd with an American Flag during the performance.

Body-mod-pro Shawn, left, put on a show by hanging from four piercings lining his shoulder blades. Blood dripped down his back and the crowd groaned as he hung several feet off the ground for several minutes.

All photos and text by
Patrick Doty



Heartbreak, the Huskers and hangover cures found online for fans

WWW with



Eric Sobczak

The collective heart of Husker Nation broke last Saturday in the 22-20 loss to fifth ranked Texas in what was arguably one of the biggest games on Nebraska's schedule this year. The inspired Huskers played with intensity and outperformed expectations, but Husker fans have too much pride to consider the loss a moral victory.

Instead, Husker fans are left with an emotional hangover that often lingers until the next game day, in this case the 2:30 match up at Oklahoma State this

Saturday.

Some will cope with the heartache by replaying the game in their minds, "If we only made that catch," "If we didn't fumble," or "I knew I should have tapped the top of my beer ten times instead of three before I opened it." However, I prefer a different remedy.

I'm talking about dousing the pain with a bit of the "(digital) hair of the dog."

If you aren't familiar with YouTube (youtube.com), it is an online video sharing service that has been around for almost two years. Sharing and viewing videos on YouTube is completely free, and users can upload videos as well, after setting up a free account. As a side note, the service has also been making headlines recently due to its \$1.65 billion dollar acquisition by Google.

You can find virtually anything on YouTube, from

music videos to news bloopers to comedy sketches. You can also find Husker highlight videos...in this case, the hair of the dog.

After the loss at USC earlier this year I searched around YouTube for Husker videos to ease my pain. There are 282 videos tagged with "Huskers" and I watched a lot of them. In watching them I found what I was looking for: goose bumps. So if you are a Husker fan you will love these videos. You might even cry. If you aren't a Husker fan you're probably upset that even the UNO PAPER CAN'T STOP TALKING ABOUT THE HUSKERS EVENTHOUGH THEY LOST! But you read this far?

The YouTuber (term for a YouTube user) DTsker, created what I'm calling a highlightclipmentary called "Project Husker." The series has seven videos so far, each running around five to nine minutes and chronicles the

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Gaffigan at Civic

COLLEEN O'DOHERTY
STAFF WRITER

Laff again with Jim Gaffigan. UNO students will be able to do just that on Sunday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. at the Omaha Music Hall. Gaffigan, a comedian who has been featured on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and other shows, was brought here by UNO's Student Programming Organization.

"I believe [the show] will be a sell-out," said James Hulstein, Student Government vice president.

Hulstein said more than 1,000 UNO students will be at the show. Hulstein also said Gaffigan's comedy is about finding humor in every day funny things and that it's clean comedy.

Hulstein said he thought UNO students would like the comedian and submitted a proposal to SPO, which they accepted. Hulstein said he's hoping getting an act like Gaffigan will open doors for UNO.

"It'll increase the chances of bringing bigger acts," Hulstein said.

Brenda Frye, an accounting clerk in the UNO business office, said tickets have been selling steadily since the first day. People were even waiting outside the door on the first day.

"The first week, we were really busy," Frye said.

Frye is going to the show and said she's excited about it.

Sophomore Nicholas Hall is also going to the show. Hall said he found out about the show on Facebook. "I've seen his special on Comedy Central," he said.

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The Prestige tries too hard to trick audience, doesn't live up to hype

REVIEW BY
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The Prestige, the latest film from *Batman Begins* collaborators Christopher Nolan, Christian Bale and Michael Caine, takes its name from the third and final part of a magician's act. The prestige, as Caine explains in the film, is the part of a magic trick "with the twists and turns, where lives hang in the balance and you see something shocking you've never seen before."

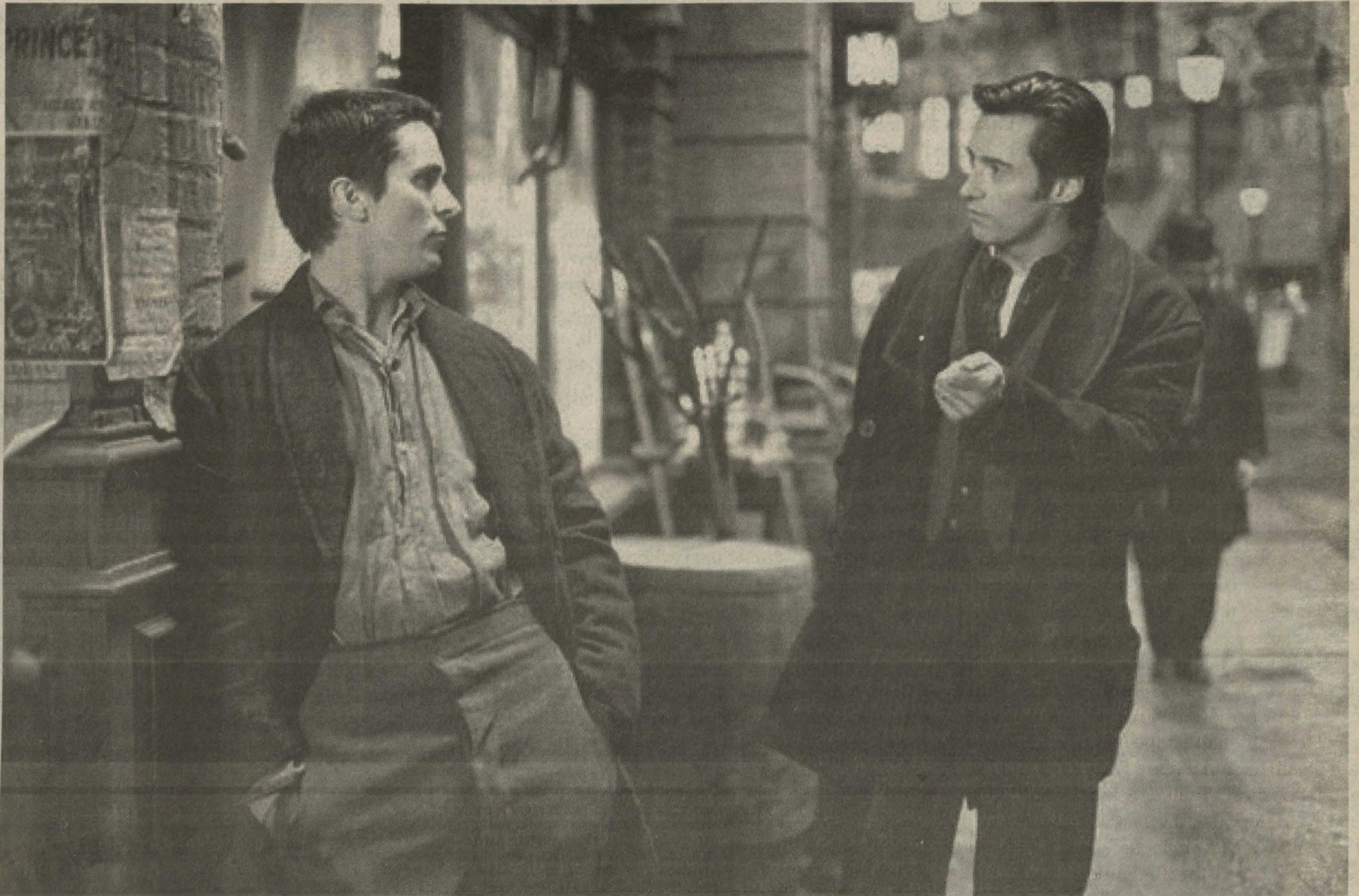
While there was no shortage of entertaining twists and turns in the film, I can think of several other s-words that more accurately describe them.

The Prestige, also starring a surprisingly skillful Hugh Jackman, tells the story of two apprentice magicians who become bitter rivals when a mistake by Bale's character, Alfred Borden, causes a magic trick to go awry, killing the wife of Jackman's character, Rupert Angier.

The storyline is revealed in a style common to the Nolan clan. Nolan's younger brother Jonathan wrote the film, based on Christopher Priest's novel, in the pair's first collaboration since the critically acclaimed *Memento*. Opening with the trial and subsequent sentence of Borden for Angier's murder, we see the friends' rivalry evolve through flashbacks, testimony and dictated journal entries.

The film does a good job of showcasing the acting chops of all involved, minus a horribly miscast Scarlett Johansson, but leaves you scratching your head, not because of the excellent storytelling abilities of the younger Nolan brother, but a complete lack of them. At the end of this nearly two-and-a-half-hour movie, I actually cared less about the characters than I did when I took my seat.

The problem is that viewers aren't given any



Warner Bros.

Christian Bale reteams with director Christopher Nolan in the dark period piece *The Prestige* about rival magicians. Hugh Jackman also stars in the film.

reason to like the two main characters, or at the very least sympathize with them. Too quick to rush to the rivalry, the film does little to show you that these two magicians were actually friends at one point. So when you see the magicians staking out each other's performances, using spies to grab secrets and openly sabotaging each other's shows, it's like watching two adults throwing pointless temper tantrums.

Now, don't get me wrong, the film can be damned entertaining at times. Many of the tricks were clever and the underlying story of obsession was actually quite interesting.

However, after being impressed at how skilled the Nolan brothers are behind the camera in their previous projects, I was disappointed at all of the loopholes and convenient plot devices used for the final "gotcha"

moment.

Maybe I'm being too harsh, but I just think a movie that makes no secret of trying to trick the audience shouldn't explain away the entire film in the final 10 minutes. It gives you no reason to come back and see the film again, or at least discuss the film later with friends. Just like the characters, there is no reason to care about the film.

The bottom line is that if you're looking to spend some time at the movies in the coming weeks you could do better than *The Prestige*, but certainly do a hell of a lot worse. Just be sure, if you do decide to go see the film, to check your brain at the door. Unfortunately, you won't be needing it.

Grade: C+

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Hockey team stomps Niagara, falls to Northern Michigan in Stampede

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

In the words of a famous race car driver: some days you're the windshield, some days you're the bug.

The UNO hockey team had that kind of weekend at the Mutual of Omaha Stampede, racking up numerous team and individual records in a 10-1 thrashing of Niagara Friday before falling behind early and losing 5-2 to Northern Michigan in the tournament final Saturday night.

The loss marked the first time in the last three years that the host Mavericks failed to capture the title at the Qwest Center showdown.

Judging by their performance in the first round, the 19th-ranked Mavs seemed to be in prime position to roll right through the weekend with little challenge.

Junior forward Brandon Scero scored a UNO-record four goals and senior forward Alex Nikiforuk tied another school mark with five points to lead the team to a cakewalk over Niagara.

Though the Eagles came out strong, the Mavericks soon found their stride and took control of the game, running up an all-but-insurmountable 5-0 first period lead.

"I think after about the first five minutes we got our legs underneath us, and we're a team that's built for speed; we've got a lot of short, small, quick guys and once we got going, it's hard to stop [us]," Scero said.

In all, the Mavericks tied or surpassed eight team and individual records in the game, including most goals and largest margin of victory.

Unfortunately, UNO's dominance didn't carry over to the following night.

Facing a quicker and more physical Northern Michigan team, the Mavericks found themselves on the other end of a scoring blitz and fell behind 3-0 early in the second period.

"They played the way they needed to play to win and we shot ourselves in the foot a little bit in giving them the opportunity to play that way," said UNO Coach Mike Kemp.

Though they were able to advance the puck into Wildcat territory often, the Mavs had trouble finding ways to

penetrate their opponent's stifling defense, especially the crease of goaltender Bill Zaniboni.

Despite numerous power play opportunities, UNO was unable to find the net until 7:35 into the second period, when sophomore forward Adam Bartholomay intercepted the puck and scored on an unassisted breakaway.

The goal seemed to give the Mavs new life and they picked up the pace, but Northern Michigan remained steady and put home the backbreaker at the 15:20 mark to take a 4-1 lead.

UNO got one more goal in the third period from freshman forward Nick Fanto, his first of the year, but it was too little, too late and the Wildcats closed out the game with three minutes to go, scoring their final goal to take a 5-2 championship victory.

One of the reasons for UNO's troubles was the disqualification of sophomore defenseman Juha Uotila in the first game for fighting. Uotila, who made the all-tournament team at the Nye Frontier Classic last week and was an integral part of the Mavs power-play attack, was called for retaliating on a hard check in the second period against Niagara and forced to sit out the rest of the weekend.

Bartholomay acknowledged that Uotila's absence was a blow to UNO, but felt that it shouldn't have been the deciding factor.

"Your whole team has to show up," he said. "You have to rise above whatever adversities you have."



photo by Michelle Bishop

Scott Parse looks to score as Alex Nikiforuk gets tangled up in the crease with Northern Michigan's Matt Maunu and goaltender Bill Zaniboni.

To Kemp, the game underscored the need for the Mavs to put a little more contact into their play, especially with an upcoming doubleheader against an aggressive Western Michigan squad.

"That's kind of one of the ways we're going to get ourselves back on track and it just didn't happen tonight," Kemp said. "We never could get over the hump because they're a more physical team than we are. It's actually a good warm-up for us because we're going to get banged around even more next weekend and we're going to have to play a particular style to be successful."

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Players on the sideline: Cheerleaders keep spirits, kicks high on heels of athletics budget crisis



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The UNO Cheerleading Squad performs at a Maverick football game. They also perform at hockey and men's basketball games.

MICHAEL MCMANUS
PEOPLE EDITOR

The quarterback goes in for his first touchdown of the season. They are there. The hockey team misses out on that last game winning goal. They are also there.

They are there. Some may not realize this, but the UNO Cheerleading Squad is always there. Rain or shine, smiles on hand and plenty of cheers on the mind, the Cheer Squad at UNO plays a very influential and important role in this university's athletic program.

With that said, it could be considered

a shock that with the athletic budget crisis in our not-so-distant past, one very important voice went unheard. The voice of the UNO Cheerleading Squad.

UNO Cheerleading Coach Andrew Dean experiences the financial woes that come with these budget cuts on a daily basis.

"I do feel like the UNO Cheerleading Squad has been affected by the budget cuts," he said. "The university has never really given us much of budget, but because things are going so crazy right now they are really watching every penny spent."

Dean also mentioned that when Associate Athletic Director Deb Denbeck's position was cut, a lot of confusion followed.

"She was one of my main people to go to with questions and problems," he said. "When her position was taken away, lots of things we discussed were not passed on to other people in the athletic department."

Some may argue whether cheerleading is considered a sport. Dean and the Cheer Squad say it is. But one thing is for sure, cheerleading is one of the only sports at UNO where athletes have to pay money out of their own pockets to participate.

"The money that we do receive is all

used to help pay for uniforms," said UNO Cheer Squad Captain Sarah Hoschiet. "The budget we are given doesn't even pay for half of our total uniform costs. We spend a lot of time trying to raise money to pay for them, but most of the time we end up paying for everything out of our own pockets."

Dean has nothing negative to say about the athletic department, but also can't help but show some frustration when talking about the budget. "When it comes to David Herbster and Bob Flannery in the athletic department, I have nothing but good things to say about those two men," he said. "They have always been there for me whenever I had a question and I know they are very proud of the girls. When it comes to financial support from the athletic department, I would say that it is slacking pretty bad."

Dean said that in the past their budget has been so limited that the cheerleaders have actually had to purchase their own uniforms, shoes, warm-ups - you name it. Everything was paid for by the cheerleaders.

"We receive a tiny amount of money from the athletic department, but it is nowhere close to enough to help pay for everything we need," he said.

Unlike other universities, such as Kansas State and Kentucky University, the UNO Cheer Squad also does not receive any scholarships.

"The school doesn't give us anything," Hoschiet said. "Cheerleading is a sport and I would tell anyone who doesn't believe that to come to one of our practices. They would see that what we do is difficult and requires a lot of athleticism."

Not only do the cheerleaders attend all of the home football, hockey and men's basketball games, but they also do a variety of volunteer events for the university. They hand out advertisement flyers before hockey games, participate in alumni events and also attend pre-game events.

After looking at all these factors, one may begin to wonder why some even bother becoming cheerleaders at UNO. After all, they are basically paying for the time they spend on the sidelines. However, the consensus among members of the UNO Cheer Squad is it's simply not about the money.

"Even though the money situation is tight, we know what our job is as cheerleaders," said first-year cheerleader Crystal McBreen. "We get out there and do what we need to do: pump up the crowd."

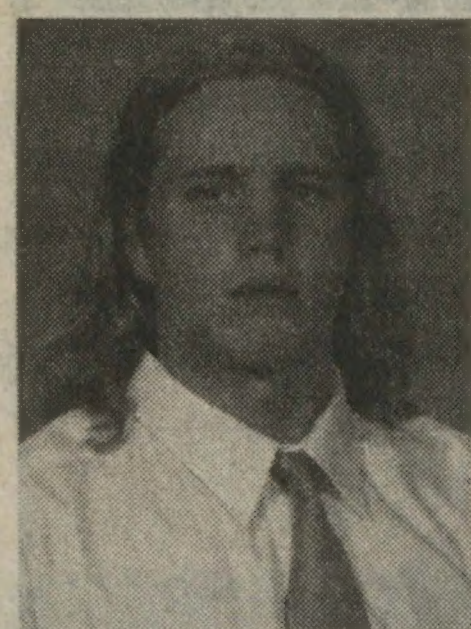
Many of McBreen's fellow teammates don't let the budget crisis affect their morale. They find pride in the team, and the reaction they get from the UNO community always makes up for the lack of funds in their account.

Dean recalls this year's first home football game as an example.

"We were in front of the student section and the students would just roar when the cheerleaders did something," he said. "It was great to hear. It made all the hard work very rewarding for my girls."

One thing is clear: The UNO Cheer Squad isn't letting anything stand in their way. Dedication is their motto, and even with all the financial factors working against them, nothing is stopping their voices from being heard.

Football team jumps out early, leashes Minnesota-Duluth



Nate Wurth

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off last week's seesaw battle against North Dakota, the UNO football team probably needed to get in their comfort zone again.

Luckily, Minnesota-Duluth obliged by coughing up the opening kickoff to give the Mavericks the ball on the UMD 19-yard line to start the game.

The Mavs capitalized on that possession and the next to build a 14-point lead six minutes into the game and ride the momentum to a 38-14 victory in Duluth.

"We did get off to a good start and, obviously, when you're on the road that's very important," said Coach Pat Behrns.

Despite the early lead, the 8th-ranked Mavericks couldn't get too comfortable, as Duluth rebounded to keep the game tight at 14-7 in the first quarter and 24-14 at the half. The Mavs kept up the pressure, though, and held the upstart Bulldogs at bay.

"They were in the game, they were within striking distance, but I thought we did a pretty good job of controlling the game the whole way," Behrns said.

Quarterback Zach Miller had another big day, leading UNO's NCAA II-best rushing attack with 127 yards on the ground and two touchdowns. Kyle Kasperbauer, running on a sore ankle that kept him out of two practices last week, also had two touchdowns but was limited to just 58 yards on 16 carries.

Picking up some of the slack for Kasperbauer was Nate Wurth, who picked up 70 yards on 15 attempts and scored UNO's final touchdown in the fourth quarter.

"Nate came in and gave us some fresh legs late in the game and gave us some big plays and we needed that," said Behrns.

Andrew McCawley provided another score for the Mavs, booming a 46-yard field goal through the uprights late in the first quarter.

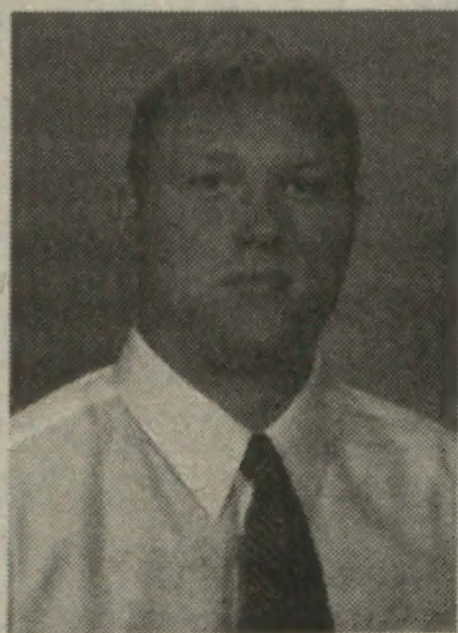
Troy Kush had his second big receiving game in a row, hauling in five catches for 96 yards, and All-American tight end Zac Herold, though still not getting all the touches Behrns would like him to, picked up 42 yards on two receptions.

Though pleased with his team's performance, Behrns was hesitant to endorse the regional rankings that, as of Sunday, had the surging Mavericks above national No. 1 Grand Valley State.

"We've just got so much football to play, we've got three weeks to play and they're awful big. The thing about what's ahead of us right now is if you stumble this week then you don't have a chance to maintain that high ranking and we need to do that to be able to have a chance at the end," Behrns said.

"If we're there at the end then I'll feel pretty good about it."

The Mavericks return home next Saturday to host St. Cloud State at 1 p.m. at Caniglia Field.



Zac Herold



Ali Portell



Beth McGill



Whitney Hill

Undefeated soccer team holds down North Dakota, University of Mary

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

After seeing their stellar record sullied by a 1-1 tie with Minnesota State Mankato last Sunday, the UNO soccer team got back on track this weekend with shutout victories over North Dakota and the University of Mary in Grand Forks, N.D.

The wins ran the No. 1 Mavericks' record to 16-0-1 and marked the team's final regular-season road trip of the year.

Despite out-shooting the Fighting Sioux 30-4 in Friday's game, the Mavs were only able to find the back of the net once. Still, strong team defense and Ali Portell's second-half goal off a feed from Beth McGill provided enough of a margin for UNO to walk away with the victory.

Coach Don Klosterman said the most important aspect of the game was not the final score, but the effort and execution that his athletes displayed.

"We were very happy to get a 1-0 win because, at this point in the season, it doesn't matter, the score doesn't matter. You've got to get wins," said Klosterman.

The Mavericks had no such trouble Saturday, rattling off three first-half goals

to cruise to a 5-0 win over Mary. McGill had two goals, her 15th and 16th of the season, before the break to lead the Mavs. Amber Richardson, Whitney Hill and Brandi Beale each scored once to round out the offensive attack.

Even with the blowout, Klosterman stressed that what really mattered was that the Mavericks remained true to their system.

"The bottom line, again, is we didn't play to their level," he said. "We kept our game up and we played as hard as we always do."

The shutout was the 13th of the season for goalkeeper Ellen Petersen and the UNO defense.

The Mavericks will finish out the regular season at home this weekend against Minnesota-Duluth Friday at 3 p.m. and against Mankato Sunday at 1 p.m. in the team's Senior Day game.

"They're two big games, they're two NCC games down at the end. We have a chance to win the conference championship, you know that puts some added importance to it, an element of urgency for us to play well and have energy," said Klosterman. "It makes you look forward to a bunch of fun games."

Does commissions act mark the 'beginning of the end of America'?

Sinister Slant



Scott Stewart

The only way to be properly informed is to get your information from a variety of sources. I personally use outlets ranging from the White House to the New York

Times, liberal video clips from YouTube.com to transcripts of interviews on FOX News.

Normally, the headlines I read sensationalize the relevant part of the story. This is especially true online, where one commonly hears the Bush administration called fascist, likened to Nazis or worse (if such a thing is possible).

One headline, though, caught my attention last week: "Beginning of the end of America." You might initially think that it must have come from some radical left-wing Web site, but you would be wrong.

It came from MSNBC.com, from the desk of Keith Olbermann, anchor of "Countdown," the nightly cable news segment that runs opposite of the popular "The O'Reilly Factor" and Comedy Central's "The Daily Show."

The report focused on the signing of the Military Commissions Act of 2006, which George W. Bush signed into law on Oct. 17.

"And now, in memory of the victims of September the 11th, it is my honor to sign the Military Commissions Act of 2006 into law. (Applause.) (The bill is signed.)"

With the stroke of his pen, at 9:47 a.m., Bush killed one of the most fundamental civil liberties taken for granted in English-speaking society for almost 800 years: the writ of habeas corpus.

Habeas corpus is commonly thought to date back to at least the Magna Carta, the great document signed in 1215 that formed the basis for constitutional law in England. The phrase means literally "you have the body" and refers to the right of any person to be brought before a court to determine whether they are imprisoned lawfully.

Without this right, the enforcement of

other civil liberties becomes impossible. Olbermann, in a prior commentary, phrased it well when he said, "If you're detained without trial, you lose your freedom of religion, speech, the press and assembly. And you can't petition the government for anything."

In fact, this right is so essential that it was given its own section in the Constitution (Art. I, Sect. 9): "The privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it."

This is worth keeping in mind when you look at the text of the Military Commissions Act of 2006 (Sect. 7, Clause 'a'): "No court, justice, or judge shall have jurisdiction to hear or consider an application for a writ of habeas corpus filed by or on behalf of an alien detained by the United States who has been determined by the United States to have been properly detained as an enemy combatant or is awaiting such determination."

Elsewhere, the law says, "No person may invoke the Geneva Conventions ... in any habeas corpus or other civil action." In other words, the Great Writ is no more.

Of course, some might observe this law only applies to non-citizens, although they leave open the question of how a person might prove himself a citizen if he is not afforded the privilege of habeas corpus.

Others might also object by citing the necessities of this law in the War on Terror. However, I think that allowing anyone—terrorists or politicians—to scare us into giving up essential liberties is surely a victory for terrorism, not for the United States.

Regardless of any attempts at rationalizing, though, the United States is neither fighting rebellion nor invasion. This law is unconstitutional. This law is an insult to anyone who believes in the rule of law. More than that, this law is un-American.

"This nation is patient and decent and fair, and we will never back down from the threats to our freedom," Bush said shortly before signing this law.

This is one instance where I hope Bush is right. We the People of the United States must stand up for our freedom, and demand that this law be struck from the books.

I believe to do anything else is to allow the terrorists their victory.

Vote, darn it: Some quick tips for easy voting this upcoming election

As Far As I'm Concerned



Matthew Lytle

"At the bottom of all the tributes paid to democracy is the little man, walking into the little booth, with a little pencil, making a little cross on a little bit of paper — no amount

of rhetoric or voluminous discussion can possibly diminish the overwhelming importance of the point."

This quote from Sir Winston Churchill was featured in a comic strip on a very important date: Nov. 2, 2004. Election Day 2004. The first time I voted for a president. I always found it interesting, though, since every two years we've heard from both sides that it's important to get out and vote.

I've already voted, probably because I'll be busy that night, and I won't be able to go and vote anyway. Yeah, you can still vote early if you're registered, and if you haven't registered, you can still do so, at least up until Oct. 27.

If you want to vote early or register to vote, you'll have to actually go over to the Douglas County Election Commission's office and do it personally. All you have to do is go to 114th and Davenport streets, which is south of Dodge, go west and follow the signs to get there. The whole early voting process took me about 15 minutes to complete, including standing in a small line and reading a couple of the amendments and proposals put before me. Registering might take a little longer, but odds are it shouldn't be too difficult. If you could fill out the 1040 from earlier this year, then this should be easy.

Also, if you do plan to vote or register, I'd take a stop over at the Election Commission's Web site at votedouglascounty.com. On that Web site, you can download a sample ballot that can show you what you'd actually be facing in that small cubicle with only a gray pencil as your weapon. Yeah, the ballot's eight pages in length, with names you probably haven't heard of, but I'd guess that about half of the races on that ballot don't quite concern

many voters. In addition to the sample ballot, there's also a precinct finder that can tell you where you're expected to vote. Believe me, it's a handy tool. In about the three years I've been out here in West Omaha, the voting place changed from a school to a church and then to yet another church. So it's important to know where you'll have to be in order to cast your important vote.

Do you need to be expertly attuned to politics to vote? No, not really. All you'd really need to do is either go to the candidate Web sites, or if you want a Hitchhiker's Guide of sorts, there's always the voter guide published by the League of Women Voters to consult. If you can't find a paper copy, there's always the e-Guide over at omahalwv.org. Or, for some of the major races, just consult this very publication. I haven't yet seen the side-by-side treatment for the U.S. Senate race, but the side-by-side between Jim Esch and Lee Terry for the 2nd Congressional District in the *Gateway* was very fair, and I'd highly recommend giving them a read.

From either of these guides, all you'd really have to read the questions and each candidate's responses, then decide for yourself which one's the best candidate, even if that person's affiliation doesn't match with the small letter on your registration card.

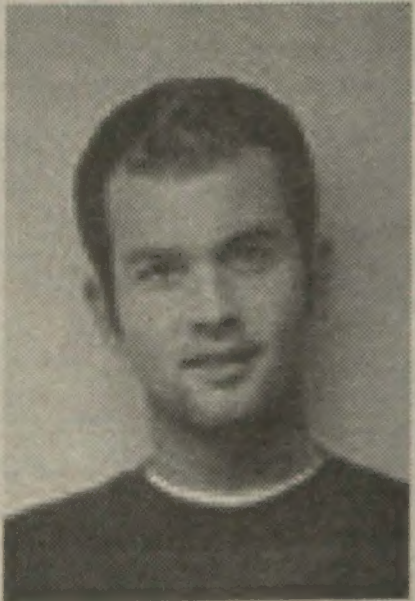
You know, many people often claim that their votes often don't really count. And to a point, at least regarding the presidential election, they have a point. The Electoral College decides who sits in the Oval Office for the next four years. But, on election night, every talking head given a microphone, a panel of pundits and a map of the United States does the same thing: as the precincts report in, state by state, each outlet cedes the electoral votes by, huzzah, the popular vote in that state.

This column isn't a push for any candidate, even if my critics say otherwise. It's a push for people to just get out and vote.

Besides, I never really gave much credence to the idea of "If you don't vote, you can gripe no matter who wins." I think if you really want the privilege of criticizing what happens as a result of this election, you should at least take the huge personal responsibility of registering to vote and walking into that little booth with that little gray pencil and filling in the little bubbles on the large pieces of paper.

Searching for that voice, finding only myself

How Typical



Michael McManus

If you are at all like me, you have a difficult time finding people and media that can represent who you are. I am unique. I am my own person. Without sounding too intelligent, I suppose that makes me a unique person.

It's this uniqueness that often makes me feel alone.

As a gay man, I fight for the same rights that many of my fellow gay and lesbian brothers and sisters feel passionately about. I'm fighting for gay

marriage, the right to adopt children, benefits for my potential partner at my future place of employment, etc. It's not hard for me to find something or someone to represent my views in these cases. There are thousands of advocates, fighting for these causes as you are reading the words on this page. But what about the struggles I experience within? The issues I face on a daily basis on my own? I search for a

voice that can relate, but I often find nobody, only myself.

I used to call myself an "atypical" gay man. It sounds foolish saying it now, but I understand where I was coming from. It was hard for me to look at the gay community and find anything to which I could relate. I saw the drugs, the sex and the parties. What I didn't see is where I fit into the equation.

I called myself atypical because I knew I didn't fit into the gay stereotype. I felt atypical because what I was looking for was the complete opposite of all of the above.

At 18 years old, I remember watching couples pushing their children on swings at the park and longing to have that opportunity. Watching newlyweds in church listening as the pastor introduced the new couple to the congregation, waiting for the day his mouth would echo my name. These are all things I witnessed others experience, but longed to have happen to me.

Unfortunately, at the time, I wasn't taking my sexuality into consideration. I guess for some reason I thought that being attracted to men would never be a deterrent in meeting my dreams. Unfortunately, in my case, unlike many of you, I am left with little control.

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you buy a cup of coffee. It is the fairest tax I know. That is the biggest difference between us.

What was the most memorable experience you have of your college days, and where did you go?

I attended McCook Community College for two years and then I went to UNL. It was all memorable, and I wouldn't change a thing. It was a blast, it was fun and it was a good experience. As far as college goes, it allowed so many doors to open. It was an experience I will treasure all my life. I was one of those that wasn't going to go to college and all I was going to do was work on the farm. At the very last minute I took the test, and it just took off. It was the people that I met and the situation I was in that made college so much fun. I did party a little too hard, and it did catch to me, but when you live through an experience, then you really have it. I will treasure my college days forever. I would love to send all kids to college just to experience what I did.

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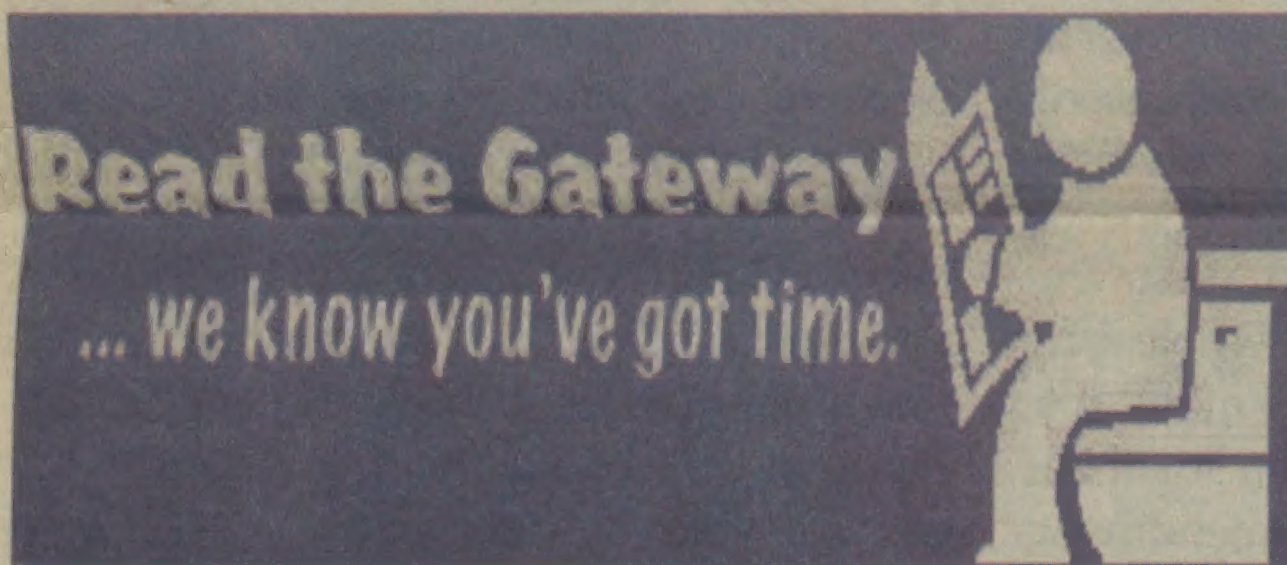
When I read gay publications, watch movies or even television shows, I am once again left without any representation. Why is it that every gay man depicted on TV is shown shopping for heels with his best girl friend? Why is every lesbian depicted as depressed and dark? Where do I fit into the equation? Once again, I feel atypical.

I may not ever meet anyone capable of representing who I am. The dreams and aspirations I have are never ending. I'm going to have that white picket fence, I'm going to live in a Republican state with my husband and children and I'm going to show people that being "atypical" is something to be proud of.

I know I'm not the only one out there who feels this way. However, I guess I'm still waiting for the others to stand up.

I search for that voice, but only find myself.

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tradition and dominance of Husker football beginning with the Devaney and Osborne eras.

DTsker's YouTube Profile

<http://www.youtube.com/profile?user=DTsker>

Project Husker 1 - Part 1

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Ahh, the 1990s. Do you remember the '90s? Nebraska was writing a live textbook of the option every Saturday and 'Sker fans couldn't be happier. The question wasn't "Did Nebraska win?" it was "How much did Nebraska win by?" Thanks to YouTuber chadmayer you can relive that joy on-demand. He has KETV's 1995 special, as well as highlight reels of the 1994, 1995 and 2005 seasons. I'm giving these videos the "if you have a soul, you will get goose bumps" guarantee.

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1994 Huskers

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The Catch

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dJ02Qrox-Q>
Ok, this video is actually nine minutes long. Nebraska's final drive against Mizzou in 1997. A drive that of course led to Matt Davison's game saving catch. The overtime is included in this video.

The Run

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QYL7IvVutGA>

"Touchdown" Tommie's incredible run to end the third quarter of the 1996 Fiesta Bowl. What can you even say? Just watch.

The Fun (Tommie Frazier and Terrell Farley Freestyle Rap)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42Or831zKOE>
Yes folks, this actually exists. Good thing they played better than they rapped. "We steppin' high/we steppin' low/my name is T Fraiz/not Curtis Blow."

If all goes according to plan, you should be able to view all of these videos on unogateway.com. Otherwise links to these videos can be found there. And after watching these clips, your emotional hangover is sure to subside. At the very least, these clips should tide you over until Saturday. In the meantime I'll be thinking of a clever line to end my articles. Go Big Red.

From **ISS:** Page 5

English tutoring every Thursday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the third floor of the Milo Bail Student Center. Volunteer student tutors help international students with papers, studying and/or conversation.

Freshman Iyad Aldalooj, originally from Saudi Arabia, is an accounting student at UNO and an active member of ISS. He utilized the agency's tutoring program to study English.

"My English has improved so much," Aldalooj said. "I didn't know anyone here to help me practice my English. It also helped me make a lot of friends."

ISS held a new event called "Discovering Cultures" on Sept. 28 at the University Village. The event showcased nine different cultures found at UNO and will be repeated in January with more cultures represented on campus.

Sophomore Ayaka Sukuzaki has been taking part in ISS since she moved to Omaha from Japan in the summer. "It has helped my English," Sukuzaki said. "I meet a lot of people from other countries and get to know a lot of other cultures."

In celebration of Halloween, ISS plans on hosting a haunted house at Scary Oaks on Friday, Oct. 27. In addition, an International Dance open to all students will be held in the alumni center on Nov. 18 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Rascal Flats in Omaha



photo by Michelle Bishop

Joe Don Rooney and Gary LeVox of Rascal Flatts perform during Thursday night's "Me And My Gang" tour at the Qwest Center.

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